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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.112

This amendment is filed in response to an Office Action mailed July 8, 2003, in the above-captioned application. Claims 1-29 are pending herein.

Claims 1-2, 4-9, 11-18, 20-26 and 28-29 stand rejected. Claims 3, 10, 19 and 27 are objected to as depending from a rejected base claim.

Claims 1-2 and 4-8 are rejected under 35 USC Section 102(b) as anticipated by US Pat. No. 5,313,742 to Corcoran, et al ("Corcoran"). Claims 9, 11-18, 20-26 and 28-29 stand rejected under 35 USC Section 103(a) Corcoran. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

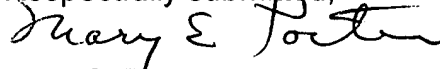
Amendments to the claims are set forth on separate pages attached hereto.

Applicants' remarks regarding the amendments and the patentability of the claimed invention follow.

CONCLUSIONS

For the reasons given above, claims 1-29 satisfy all of the requirements of 35 USC Sections 102(b) and 103(a), and Applicants respectfully request an allowance of the amended claims set forth on the attached pages.

Respectfully submitted,



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